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AMENDMENT C

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 20, 2000 in the above-identified application. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.